

**Remarks**

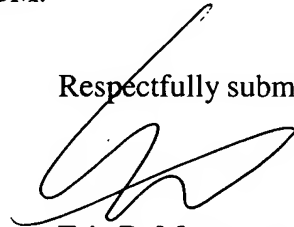
**A. Pending Claims**

Claims 1-21, 32-43, 51, 65, 66, and 70 are pending. Claims 22-31, 44-50, 52-64, and 67-69 have been cancelled without prejudice.

**B. Additional Comments**

A fee authorization is enclosed to cover fees due in association with the filing of this and accompanying documents. If an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If additional fees are required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5259-10801/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,



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